

REMARKS

The amendments set out above and the following remarks are believed responsive to the points raised by the Office Action dated September 10, 2003. In view of the amendments set out above and the following remarks, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Non-elected claims 7-12 have been canceled, so examined claims 1-6 remain pending. Claim 1 has been amended to describe the invention more clearly. No new matter has been added, and the basis for the amended claim language may be found within the original specification, claims and drawings.

Claims 1-3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by JP 56-152160. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by JP 10 340709-A. Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,143,442 to Takahashi. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

None of the cited references disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention. For example, none of the references disclose or suggest a prismatic sealed battery including a fluoride resin, which is formed by electrostatically applying a fluoride resin powder between a lead terminal and a case, heating the fluoride resin powder, and curing to produce the fluoride resin.

Indeed, JP '709 refers explicitly to *installing insulating plates* (Abstract), and does not disclose or even suggest fluoride resin *powder*. Similarly, Takahashi repeatedly refers to insulating *sheets*. For example, at column 3, line 48, "An internal insulating sheet 13 . . .", at column 4, lines 10-11, ". . . the internal insulating sheet 13 . . .", and at column 4, line 25, "Then, an internal insulating sheet . . ." There is no teaching or suggestion anywhere in Takahashi of a prismatic sealed battery including a fluoride resin formed by electrostatically applying a fluoride resin powder. Accordingly, the pending claims are patentable over the cited references.

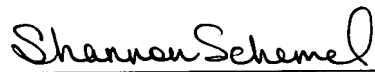
For the reasons set forth above, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendment and remarks recited herein, the application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

In re Appln. of YOUNG-HOON KIM
Application No. 09/748,126

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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